

COMMON PERIWINKLE

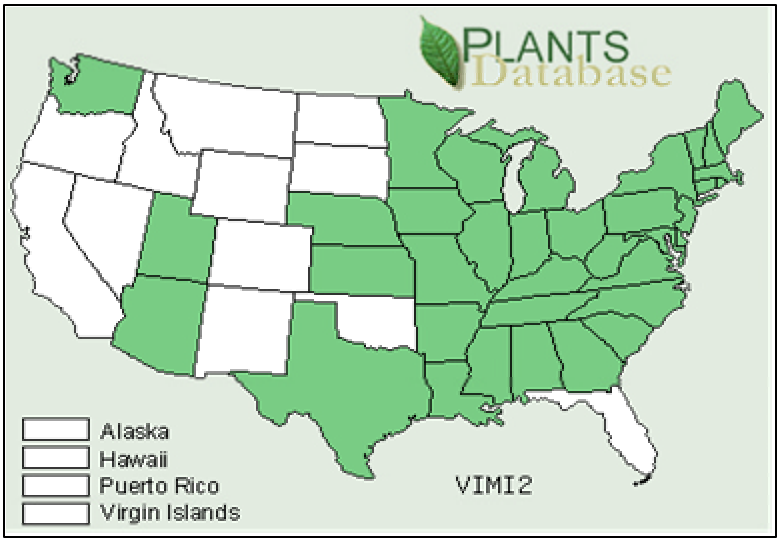
Vinca minor



Infestation of roadside *Vinca minor*

Description: Creeping evergreen vine grows 3" to 6" tall, forms a dense tangled mat of long stems and elliptical leaves, rooting at intervals. Spring flowers are pale blue to purple.

Habitat: Prefers partial shade, tends to yellow in full sun and high heat, best soil is moist, well-drained and fertile; relatively soil adaptable; grows in woods, bluffs, and waste ground. Found around home site plantings, grave yards, and scattered in open dense canopied forests.



Distribution: Predominately throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States and into Western states as seen in green on the map.

Other details: *Vinca minor is a*n aggressive grower. Vinca forms mats and extensive infestations even under forest canopies. This plant is listed as an invasive weed.

References: http://www.invasive.org, http://plants.usda.gov, http://www.canr.uconn.edu/

Invasive Plants Field Guide: A Compilation of Online Fact Sheets, USDA Forest Service